

**St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia**



**Holy Eucharist: Rite 2
From the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of The Episcopal Church**

**This Regular Sunday Service will also celebrate
the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Hugh James' Ordination,
and include a Renewal of Vows .**

**Celebrant:
Fr Hugh James, Interim Rector**

**Preacher:
Rabbi Alexandra Wright
Senior Rabbi, The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood, London**

**Sunday June 27, 2021
At 10:00am**

In Person and On-Line

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Welcome

Welcome to St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, whether you're joining us in person in the sanctuary, live on Zoom or Facebook or watching later on YouTube. This service is our regular Sunday service, but we are also celebrating with our Interim Priest, Father Hugh James, the 40th Anniversary of his ordination. Participants in this service have been invited to represent congregations where he has served, or they have long personal associations with him. We extend a special welcome to his friends and family.

Opening Hymn: Lift High The Cross (1982 Hymnal # 473)

*Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.*

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks
combine.

Refrain

2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to
thee.

Refrain

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Today's readings are commonly used for ordination services, rather than the Sunday readings.

Isaiah 6:1-8

The first lesson will be read by Will Schramm who was Churchwarden at Christ Episcopal Church, Norwich, CT, during Hugh's time as Rector there.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 43

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse. The congregation join in the verses printed in bold. The odd verses will be read by Jill Wood who was Churchwarden at St Bartholomew's Church, Richmond, VA, when Hugh was appointed its interim priest.

Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:4-9

The second lesson will be read by Brenda Evans who was Churchwarden at St Mary's Church, Kidwelly, Wales during Hugh's time as Vicar there.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be Thine!

John 10:11-18

The Gospel will be read by the Rev. Wyn Beynon. Wyn and Hugh trained for ordination together at St Michael's Theological College, Llandaff, Wales. They were both ordained in the same service 40 years ago. Wyn is retiring today as priest in charge of the Wychebrook parishes and Rural Dean of Droitwich in England.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Renewal of Baptism Vows

The Celebrant leads the people in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Hugh will make the following declaration:

Forty years ago I was ordained deacon, and a year later priest. To the best of my ability, I have lived this ministry faithfully in a variety of settings. Here, in the presence of Christ and his Church I reaffirm :

- my commitment to ministry, under the pastoral direction of the bishop;
- my promise to give myself to prayer and study;
- my promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received;
- my promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to my care, patterning my life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that I may be a wholesome example to my people.

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things, continue to give you the grace and power to perform them. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Conversation

In place of a "normal" sermon there will be a conversation between Rabbi Alexandra Wright, the Senior Rabbi at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St John's Wood, London, England and Fr Hugh. Alexandra and Hugh first met when they took part in the English-Speaking Union's exchange program between British and American Schools in 1975. They are both strongly committed to dialogue between Jews and Christians.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please greet those around you in person and/or send an electronic greeting of peace to others.

Offertory

The Offertory Hymn will be sung, followed by the doxology.

Offertory Hymn: I Then Shall Live, (St Bartholomew's Supplement, page 22)

1. I then shall live as one who's been forgiven. I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child and I am not afraid. So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother; The law of love I gladly will obey.	2. I then shall live as one who's learned compassion. I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too. I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I'll dare to see another's point of view. And when relationships demand commitment, Then I'll be there to care and follow through.
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3. Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Because of COVID-19, communion will be distributed in one kind (consecrated bread only).

The Bread is given with these, or similar, words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

During the administration of communion, the following prayer of Spiritual Communion is provided for use by those who cannot be physically present in the sanctuary.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

After Communion:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky (Wonder, Love and Praise # 812)

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me,

I will hold your people in my heart.

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.**

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Refrain

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.**

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

Refrain

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Please join us for Coffee Hour, which will happen in two ways. There will be an outdoor coffee hour in St Bart's Parking Lot, and an on-line coffee hour using the Zoom Link for this service.